

Commencement

Winter 2005



Forty-fifth Commencement

10 o'clock a.m. • Saturday • December 17, 2005 • Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"

Elgar
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation

Dr. C. Elaine Freeman
Professor, Teacher Education, Missouri Southern State University

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Julio S. León
President, Missouri Southern State University

Address

Dwight Douglas
Member, Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors

Presentation of Class

Dr. Richard J. McCallum
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks

Dr. Vickie Roettger
Past President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors

Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Alma Mater

Laramie Sweet, Jennica White
Class of 2005

Benediction

Dr. C. Elaine Freeman

Recessional "Sine Nomine"

R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter

Mary Zustiak

Alma Mater on inside back cover. • Please remain seated until recessional is completed.

About the Speaker



Dwight Douglas has practiced law in Neosho, Missouri for 35 years. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Jurist Doctorate degrees from the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. The Jurist Doctorate degree was awarded in 1968. Mr Douglas has a long record of service to his community and the State of Missouri. He currently serves as a member of the Missouri Southern State University Board of Governors. He is the immediate past president of the Board. He was on the Board of Regents for Southwest Missouri State University from 1981-1986 and served two years as president of that board. Thereafter he served nine years as president of the Board of Directors of the Crowder College Foundation.

He recently completed 14 years as a member of the Missouri Safe Drinking Water Commission. This commission is responsible for adopting regulations which govern all public water supplies in the State of Missouri. He has served on the Governor's Task force on Dioxin and the Missouri Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority. In July of this year Governor Blunt recognized Mr Douglas for 18 years of volunteer service to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the citizens of Missouri. He has been awarded the EPA Partnership Award for his volunteer service at the Pools Pierre Superfund site. Both the Neosho, Mo., and Joplin, Mo., chapters of the National Exchange Club have awarded him their Book of Golden Deeds Award.

Mr Douglas practices law in the areas of estate planning, real estate, health care and commercial transactions. He is corporate counsel for Freeman Health System and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Society of Health Care Attorneys. Mr Douglas has been married to his wife Bonnie for 39 years. They have two children. He is an avid sailor and amateur photographer.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Lyndse Marie Bergen ‡
Stephanie Michele Cobb
Tyler J. Coble
Malori Riah Dahmen

Kathleen Joyce Edwards ‡
Randall Wayne Evans ‡
Vicki Josephene Hosfelt
Katrina Ruth Richards

Laramie M. Sweet
Natasha Anne Vaughn
Jennica Brinn White ‡

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Ashley Renee Herrin
Sara Ann Higginbotham
Joseph Raymond Metcalf

Charlotte Kay Olinger-Hopper
Jennifer Anne Schwartz †
Netzahualcoyotl Ned Smith †

Rory W. Stadt
Brett Thomas Vaughn

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Ryan Michael Carrus
Susan L. Chapman
David Brian Harris
Dakota John Hosp

Matthew Thomas Kunkel
Jalyn Marie Lair
Christi Marie Mattix
Josiah Andrew Roelfsema

Jennifer Ross
Ruth Irene Sawkins
Charles Glenn Scott
Nellie Mae Trowbridge

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Shelby Jade Haun ‡
Kristi Jo Howard ‡

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Leona Lynn Robinson

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Barr, David Allen
Communication
Galena, KS

Beckner, Barry Alvin
History
Joplin

Bogle, Jessica E.
Communication
Neosho

Chapman, Gloria Gail
Art
Monett

Clark, Sandra Leigh Anne
Art
Quapaw, OK

Comer, Matthew Gordon
Communication
Joplin

Coose, Bonnie K.
English
Lockwood

Copeland, Vanessa Lynn
International Studies
Neosho

Davis, Charles Christopher
History
Joplin

Drew, Jenna Ann
English
Springfield

Flory, Anna Lee
Spanish
Joplin

Fry, John Landon
English
Joplin

Glore, Brandon Lee
Art
Joplin

Hayes, Shannon Marie
English
Seneca

Hite, Matthew Scott
Political Science
Joplin

Klein, Janette D.
History
Joplin

Maize, Christopher Ryan
Political Science
Joplin

Noronha, Nicole Louise
Art
Joplin

Olinger-Hopper, Charlotte Kay
English
Carthage

Olinger-Vazquez, Cheryl Lynn
History
Joplin

Paredes, Cinthia Guadalupe
Spanish
Monett

Paule, Megan Jean
English
Ballwin

Peron, Mark Edward
Political Science
Joplin

Rasbury, Billy Lewis
History
Neosho

Richards, Katrina Ruth
English
Albuquerque, NM

Sayles, Patricia L.
Spanish
Joplin

Sexton, Jennifer Marie
Political Science
Diamond

Shepherd, Bill Wallace
Communication
Joplin

Sivadon, Savanah Joy
Communication
Newtonia

Sparkman, Steven James
International Studies
Seymour

Sterling, Jessica L.
Communication
Duenweg

Stinson, Thad Ryan
History
Joplin

Sweet, Laramie M.
Music
Joplin

Tartakoff-Burgess, Benjamin Lucas
Spanish
Springfield

Topete, Juan Francisco
Spanish
Carthage

Turnbull, Jennifer Marie
Communication
Joplin

Wade, Michelle Marie
English
Joplin

Walker, Heather L.
German
Joplin

Walters, Scott Kemp
Communication
Joplin

Ward, Amber Dawn
Communication
Joplin

Welker, Dylan Jackson
History
Webb City

Wheeler, Kelley Dian
Sociology
Joplin

White, Jennica Brinn ‡
Music
Catoosa, OK

Bachelor of Science

Alexander-Gilbert, Linda L.

Sociology
Joplin

Allee, Brandon Ray

Sociology
Joplin

Bishop, Julie Mae

Biology
Mt. Vernon

Clark, Kerri Lynn

Biology
Joplin

Click, Erin R.

Environmental Health
Pomona

Deremo, Justin M.

Sociology
Joplin

Doty, James Douglas

Sociology
Rich Hill

Eberle, Michelle Ann

Biology
Neosho

Gamble, Weslee Brian

Environmental Health
Webb City

Gloodt, Tiffany Louise

Sociology
Lamar

Gulick, Laura Melinda

Sociology
Seneca

Johnson, Christina Marie

Sociology
St. Joseph

Klue, Tanya

Sociology
South Africa
Joplin

Mayberry, Thomas D.

Mathematics
Seneca

McCracken, Jessica Dawn

Sociology
Neosho

Metcalf, Joseph Raymond

Environmental Health
Webb City

Pierpont, Donald William

Environmental Health
Wheaton

Rhoads, Jr., Craig Steven

Environmental Health
West Plains

Roelfsema, Josiah Andrew

Physics
Neosho

Souder, Trisha Ann

Biology
Wasola

Spears, Lacey Lynn

Sociology
Anderson

Thomas, M. Ann

Environmental Health
Carthage

Wolfe, Chad Michael

Biology
Lamar

Young, Jeremy John

Biology
Joplin

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science

Garver, Brooke Leann
Management Technology
Bolivar

Vaughn, Natasha Anne
Management Technology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Adams, Jennifer Marie
Marketing/Management
Neosho

Askvik, Geir Ottar
Marketing
Asker, Norway
Carl Junction

Barnett, Cheryl Sue
General Business
Galena, KS

Belcher, Brad Thomas
Management
Columbia

Bennett, Kristi Kay
Marketing
Joplin

Beth, Sharon Katherine
Accounting
Joplin

Bichara, Elias Audu
Marketing
Jos, Plateau, Nigeria
Joplin

Brenner, Michelle Elizabeth
Accounting/Management
Coffeyville, KS

Brown, Darren James
Marketing
Pierce City

Brown, Keith D.
Accounting
Webb City

Bruffett, Chasie Dawn
Finance and Economics
Carthage

Brunner, Jeremiah Jeffrey
Marketing
Prescott, WI

Bruyere, Jeffrey Scott
Marketing
Joplin

Burns, Chandra L.
General Business
Carthage

Campbell, Lynn
Accounting
Carthage

Carrus, Ryan Michael
General Business
Little Rock, AR

Carty, Robert Craig
Marketing
Webb City

Chapman, Susan L.
Management/Marketing
Carthage

Collier, Derek B.
Management
Carl Junction

Cooke, Tausha Louella
General Business
Turney

Cruse, David Gregory
General Business
Joplin

Dahmen, Malori Riah
Accounting
Carl Junction

Day, Stephanie Lynne
Management
Joplin

Decker, Carol Ann
Finance and Economics
Joplin

DeJarnette, Melissa Lynn
Accounting
Joplin

DuMond, Dustin Dan
Marketing
Pineville

Fowler, Tristan
International Business
Joplin

Frost, Rene Lynn
Management
Afton, OK

Gatobu, Lloyd M.
Accounting
Nairobi, Kenya
Miami, OK

Graham, Jared Thomas
Marketing/Management
Lamar

Haase, Tyler Logan
Management
Joplin

Haffner, Carley A.
Management/Marketing
Carthage

Haffner, Morgan Blair
General Business
Carthage

Hall, Jason J.
Marketing
Carthage

Hargis, Britany D.
General Business
Coweta, OK

Hendry, Blair Leigh
Management
Joplin

Hobson, Kasey L.
General Business
Joplin

Jarvis, Justin Keith
General Business
Centerton, AR

Kirby, Laura Christie
Management
Joplin

Lair, Jalyne Marie
Accounting
Joplin

Lawrence, Sherry Nanette
Management
Joplin

Major, Matthew Ray
Finance and Economics
Neosho

Marney, Kyla Allene
Management
Cassville

Martin, Blake Glen
General Business
Anderson

Matlock, Michelle Dianne
Accounting
Wyandotte, OK

Mattix, Christi Marie
Accounting
Baxter Springs, KS

McIntire, Rex Leon
Finance and Economics
Nevada

Michael, Chelsea Rae
Marketing
Iola, KS

Molden, Brett James
Management
Urbandale, IA

Morris, Ray Anthony
Management
Kansas City

Murphy, Matthew John
Marketing
Joplin

Murray, Amanda M.
Management
Goodman

Ngugi, Tabitha Ann
Management
Lamar

Phelps, Jason Randall
Management
Republic

Pittman, Cynthia Marie
General Business
Fairview

Pulasky, Paul Lewis
Management
Alba

Reineke, Megan Mary
Management
Joplin

Ritchhart, Daniel Ray
General Business
Webb City

Roe, Jay Lee
Marketing
Neosho

Rutledge, Kyle Taylor
General Business
Joplin

Scheirer, Lacey Anne
General Business
West Peoria, IL

Schwartz, Jennifer Anne †
International Business
Peculiar

Scott, Charles Glenn
General Business
Webb City

Shah, Jawad Ali
Accounting
Joplin

Smith, Netzahualcoyotl Ned †
Accounting
San Diego, CA

Smith, Valencia Benecia
General Business
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Snow, April R.
Management
Sand Springs, OK

Snyder-Shields, Meredith Ann
Marketing
Joplin

Taylor, Michelle Lynn
Finance and Economics
Carthage

Vaughn, Brett Thomas
Management
Joplin

Watts, Andrew
Management
Carthage

White, Peter Clayton
General Business
Joplin

Wilson, Josie Lynn
Management
Joplin

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Hatfield, Adrienne Marie

Psychology
Joplin

Lewis, Lenore M.

Psychology
Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Springfield

Rosebrough, Teresa Suzanne

Psychology
Monett

Thompson, Tara Lyn

Psychology
Springfield

Hosp, Dakota John

Psychology
Webb City

Bachelor of Science

Bell, Eula Doris

Psychology
Joplin

Coble, Tyler J.

Psychology
Webb City

Lockwood-Smith, Spring Tiffany

Psychology
Joplin

Stockholm, Travis James

Psychology
Springfield, SD

Brown, Amanda Lynn

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Harris, David Brian

Psychology
Oronogo

Sawkins, Ruth Irene

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Terry, Stephen Matthew

Health Promotion and Wellness
Osage Beach

Chrisman, Daniel Wayne

Health Promotion and Wellness
Joplin

Jaynes, Sara Marie

Psychology
Springfield

Smith, Justin Lee

Health Promotion and Wellness
Neosho

Vermillion, Katie Elaine

Psychology
Kansas City

Cobb, Stephanie Michele

Psychology
Neosho

Bachelor of Science in Education

Artman, Carmen Sue

Elementary Education
Joplin

Bergen, Lyndse Marie ‡

Elementary Education
Carthage

Doke, Andrea Michele

Elementary Education
Neosho

Evans, Randall Wayne ‡

Middle School Education
Carthage

Asbell, Heather Renee

Middle School Education
Carthage

Boyd, Heather Lynn

Elementary Education
Joplin

English, Erin Marie

Physical Education
Hillsboro

Fortner, Chris Sterling

Physical Education
Seneca

Baird, Samantha Michelle

Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Brous, Krystle Michale

Music Education
Lamar

Estes, Melissa Dawn

Elementary Education
Carthage

Gage, Vanessa Lauren

Elementary Education
Joplin

Beck, Elizabeth Joy

Elementary Education
Joplin

Burd, Libbie Ann

Elementary Education
Joplin

Evans, Brian James

Social Science Education
Carl Junction

Gilbert, Tarryn Nicole

Unified Science Biology Education
Joplin

Gilstrap, Dana Catherine
Elementary Education
Carthage

Graves, Kyle Louis
Elementary Education
Joplin

Grimmett, Kacie Renae
English Education
Seneca

Hawkins, Kristan Veronica
Social Science Education
Siler City, NC

Henady, Wendy Marie
Elementary Education
Joplin

Herrin, Ashley Renee
Elementary Education
Webb City

Higginbotham, Sara Ann
Elementary Education
Centerton, AR

Hosfelt, Vicki Josephene
Music Education
Baxter Springs, KS

Jackson, Michael A.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Johnson, Delisa Faith
Elementary Education
Neosho

Kelley, Ann Marie
Middle School Education
Lamar

Kissel, Michelle Marie
Elementary Education
Neosho

McCully, Tina Marie
Elementary Education
Aurora

Nichols, Lisa Ann
Social Science Education
Joplin

Noronha, Nicole Louise
Art Education
Joplin

Ott, Jeanne J.
Elementary Education
Jasper

Palmersheim, Gregory Allen
Elementary Education
Neosho

Pepmiller-Smith, Jalon
Elementary Education
Joplin

Pherigo, Miranda Marlene
Elementary Education
Neosho

Ponder, Amber N.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Powell, Amanda Beth
Social Science Education
Joplin

Ragan, Shawn Elise
Elementary Education
Monett

Ragsdale, Scott Aaron
Elementary Education
Carterville

Robinson, Angela Dawn
Elementary Education
Cassville

Roe, Rusty Cole
Physical Education
Neosho

Ross, Jennifer
Physical Education
Monett

Sharp, Amanda Ellen
Elementary Education
Joplin

Sharp II, Suzanne Childress
Middle School Education
Joplin

Snyder, Tracy Gail
Elementary Education
Joplin

Southard, Diane Michelle
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Stadt, Rory W.
Business Education
Carl Junction

Thayer, Katrina
Elementary Education
Carthage

Thomas, Brandy Renee
Elementary Education
Webb City

Thompson, Melissa Jo
Elementary Education
Joplin

Trowbridge, Nellie Mae
Art Education
Granby

Venturella, Tara L.
English Education
Joplin

Woodward, Autumn Jane
Elementary Education
Seneca

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Ables, Dustin Charles

Computer Information Science
Pineville

Beckley, Brent Douglas

Criminal Justice Administration
Nixa

Bridges, Elisha Jean

Computer Forensics
Joplin

Brown, Albert Houston

Criminal Justice Administration
Welch, OK

Chandler, Heather Dawn

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Cobb, Stephanie Michele

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Cox, Michael Marion John

Computer Information Science
Joplin

Duke, Tyler C.

Criminal Justice Administration
Lee's Summit

Eitemiller, Benjamin Frank

Criminal Justice Administration
Seneca

Fordyce, Lancelot R.

Criminal Justice Administration
Florissant

Frohmann, Nicholas Christopher

Criminal Justice Administration
Aurora

Gripka, Kevin Joseph

Criminal Justice Administration
Pierce City

Hirschman, Shane Thomas

Criminal Justice Administration
Nevada

Johnson, Joyce Denise

Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Kunkel, Matthew Thomas

Computer Information Science
Neosho

Lopardo, John Wesley

Management Technology (MIMS)
Wentworth

Marcucci, Maria Ann

Criminal Justice Administration
Crane

Merino, Eric James

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Olsen, Eric J.

Criminal Justice Administration
Carterville

Osborne, Dustin Michael

Criminal Justice Administration
Lamar

Paxton-Ruble, Kate Elizabeth

Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Peters, Reaka Renee

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Peterson, Kirk Alan

Criminal Justice Administration
Grand Junction, CO

Pyle, Robert F.

Computer Information Science
Carthage

Robertson, Kelsey Linn

Criminal Justice Administration
Lake Ozark

Sampson, Samuel Lane

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Schooler, Jamie Lorene

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Smith, Charles Fitzchew

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Soprych, Sharon Marie

Management Technology (MIMS)
Webb City

Stanley, Jr., Lloyd Eugene

Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Williams, Melissa Denise

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Willis, Amber Michelle

Criminal Justice Administration
Bailey, MS

York, Jackie Denise

Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Younger, Eric William

Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Zacny, Dana Leanne

Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Bachelor of General Studies

Bailey, Andrea Nicole

General Studies
Webb City

Bates, Evan Alan

General Studies
Seneca

Brown, Brenda Lorraine

General Studies
Nevada

Cavener, Michael John

General Studies
Joplin

Edwards, Kathleen Joyce†

General Studies
Joplin

Farmer, Russell Frederick

General Studies
Miami, OK

Fridley, Andrew Moss

General Studies
Joplin

Fulton, Angela Dawn

General Studies
Webb City

Gallagher, Jacquelyn Anne

General Studies
Glendale, AZ

Givens, Jason Jerome

General Studies
Florissant

Graue, Julie Michelle

General Studies
Neosho

Headrick, Blair Courtney Lee

General Studies
Nevada

Hight-Morris, Nancy Ann

General Studies
Carl Junction

Jarrett, Amy Joanne

General Studies
Neosho

Lickteig, Carrina M.

General Studies
Joplin

McAuliff, Rachel Elizabeth

General Studies
Joplin

Onstott, Todd Jesse

Marketing
Lamar

Overton, Tracey Jo

General Studies
Joplin

Paredes, Cinthia Guadalupe

General Studies
Monett

Wallace, Danny R.

General Studies
Joplin

Associate of Arts

Bellegarde, Cara Elise

General Studies
Duenweg

Emmert, John R.

General Studies
Carthage

Lilly, Stacy Dawn

General Studies
Anderson

Reed, Diana

General Studies
Joplin

Associate of Science

Ables, Dustin Charles
Computer Information Science
Pineville

Barnett, Sonia LeeAnn
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Beckley, Brent Douglas
Law Enforcement
Nixa

Brewer, Cory Eugene
Respiratory Therapy
Carthage

Caddick, Jeremy Allen
Law Enforcement
Sarcoxie

Dobkins, Sara A.
Respiratory Therapy
Weir, KS

Doss, Susan Elizabeth
Accounting
Joplin

Dunlop, Todd Andrew
Accounting
Carl Junction

Eitemiller, Benjamin Frank
Law Enforcement
Seneca

Ellis, Robert Wesley
Respiratory Therapy
Southwest City

Felix, Jessica Renee
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Francis, Lori Ann
Respiratory Therapy
Lamar

Gripka, Kevin Joseph
Law Enforcement
Pierce City

Hames, Dixie J.
Respiratory Therapy
Neosho

Harmon, William J.
Computer Aided Graphic Design
Joplin

Haun, Shelby Jade ‡
Accounting
Joplin

Himmelsbach, Reece B.
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Howard, Kristi Jo ‡
Respiratory Therapy
Seneca

Hurn, Devin Owen
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Johnson, Nancy Marie
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Kester, Patrick Curtis
Respiratory Therapy
Neosho

Kienzle, Angela Dawn
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Kingfisher, Ronnie G.
Respiratory Therapy
Wyandotte, OK

Kunkel, Matthew Thomas
Computer Information Science
Neosho

LaGasse, Jill Maureen
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Lopardo, John Wesley
Computer Assisted Manufacturing
Technology
Wentworth

McGuire, Holly Renee
Respiratory Therapy
Bluejacket, OK

Merino, Eric James
Law Enforcement
Neosho

Olsen, Eric J.
Law Enforcement
Cartersville

Paxton-Ruble, Kate Elizabeth
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Peters, Reaka Renee
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Pinola, Daniel Lee
Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Engineering Technology
Alba

Pyle Robert F.
Computer Information Science
Carthage

Robertson, Kelsey Linn
Law Enforcement
Lake Ozark

Robinson, Leona Lynn
Respiratory Therapy
Columbus, KS

Rothwell, Peter Jacob
Law Enforcement
Neosho

Sampson, Samuel Lane
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Simrell, Orletta J.
Law Enforcement
Nevada

Smith, Charles Fitzchew
Law Enforcement
Carthage

Sullivan, Stephanie Marie
Respiratory Therapy
Galena, KS

Venturella, David Joseph
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Wagner, Holly Ann
Respiratory Therapy
Commerce, OK

Walker, Shandon Joseph
General Business
Joplin

Ware, Jessica Mikel
Respiratory Therapy
Duenweg

Willard, Misty Dawn
Respiratory Therapy
Miami, OK

York, Jackie Denise
Law Enforcement
Miami, OK

Younger, Eric William
Law Enforcement
Webb City

Zacny, Dana Leanne
Law Enforcement
Carl Junction

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms. Some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

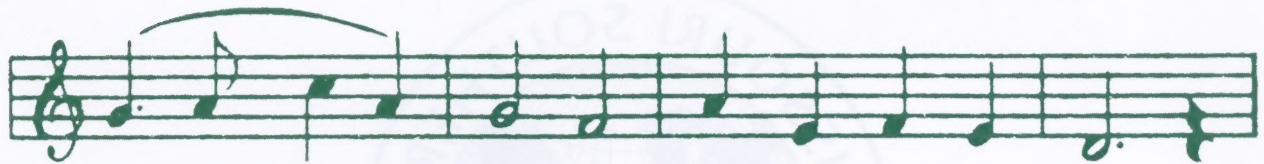
Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.



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